

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12N9/00 C12N9/12 C12N9/10 C12P19/42

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

WPI Data, PAJ, EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBL

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	SATTLER ISABEL ET AL: "Cloning, Sequencing, and Expression of the Uroporphyrinogen III Methyltransferase cobA Gene of Propionibacterium freudenreichii (shermanii)." JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, vol. 177, no. 6, 1995, pages 1564-1569, XP002217286 ISSN: 0021-9193 abstract --- -/-	1,2,16

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X	ROESSNER: "Isolation and characterization of 14 additional genes specifying the anaerobic biosynthesis of cobalamin (vitamine B12) in <i>Propionibacterium freudenreichii</i> (<i>P. shermanii</i>)" MICROBIOLOGY, vol. 148, June 2002 (2002-06), pages 1845-1853, XP002229077 the whole document -----	1-16, 25-27

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-16, 27, 28, partially, 17 and 18 completely

Invention I (claims 1-16, 27, 28, partially, 17 and 18 completely)

Polypeptide, polynucleotide, vector, host cell, process of producing a polypeptide, composition comprising a polypeptide, and a process for producing vitamin B12 in so far as the subject-matter relates to SEQ ID NO: 1 and 2; a process for the preparation of an amine

2. Claims: 1-16, 27, 28, partially, 19-22 completely

Invention II:

as above, but with respect to SEQ ID NO: 3 and 4; processes for the preparation of a phosphate containing compound and a nucleotidy-containing compound

3. Claims: 1-16, 27, 28, partially, 23 and 24 completely

Invention III:

as above, but with respect to SEQ ID NO: 5 and 6; process for the preparation of an aryl-containing compound

4. Claims: 1-16, 27, 28, partially, 25 and 26 completely

Invention IV:

as above but with respect to SEQ ID NO: 8 and 9; process for the preparation of an adenosine-containing compound

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